

IN RECOGNITION OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA), an association of dedicated fishermen, outdoorsmen and women, hunters and conservationist that have fought relentlessly to maintain and improve our environment. Over the past 100 years, they have advocated for strong state and national policies to protect our air, water, and wildlife.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the Izaak Walton League of America. May God bless the next 100 years of their conservation work, and I look forward to seeing their excellence for many years into the future.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate Women's History Month and its 2022 theme—Providing Healing, Promoting Hope.

Each year, the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to recognize and promote Women's History Month. Generations of women of every race, class, and ethnic background have worked tirelessly to make our Nation more resilient. This year's theme recognizes the relentless efforts of women during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the thousands of ways they have provided healing and hope throughout history.

Today, I would like to honor Sandra Noe, Executive Director of the Meals on Wheels in Northwest Indiana, who has notably brought healing and hope to Indiana's First Congressional District during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sandra has worked with Meals on Wheels for 36 years, and this organization is dedicated to combating senior isolation and hunger.

During the pandemic, Sandra was on the frontlines delivering hot meals and making at-home check-ins to seniors and other homebound individuals. As the demand for services increased over the past year, Meals on Wheels rose to the challenge. In 2021, they delivered over 1,700 meals daily, provided over 750,000 wellness checks, and celebrated its nine-millionth delivery.

Sandra is also a member of the Nutrition Fellow Leadership Institute, an Alumnus of Leadership Northwest Indiana, and serves on numerous local boards focused on improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana.

Madam Speaker, as we recognize Women's History Month, please join me in thanking Sandra and everyone at Meals on Wheels for

the extraordinary services they provide to Northwest Indiana.

Let us recommit to continuing to support their invaluable work and recognize this month and every day the invaluable ways that women continue to provide healing and promote hope not just in caregiving, but in all aspects of our society.

RECOGNIZING DIANE VAN PARYS IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise today to recognize Diane Van Parys whose dedication towards bettering Florida and giving back to her community has had a significant impact on Southwest Florida.

Born in Naples, Florida, Diane moved away to attend Boston College majoring in Political Science. Diane continued her education at the University of Massachusetts achieving a master's in business. Upon completion Diane began her professional career working in human resources, as well as sales and marketing for several prominent companies. Throughout her career Diane's impressive commitment towards helping her community has been notable. During Diane's time in Georgia, she volunteered for multiple organizations including the Republican Party, and as an Officer of the Forsyth County Republican Women. Upon her return to sunny Southwest Florida, Diane has remained an active member in the community.

Diane's drive to continue her involvement in her community, specifically in Collier County speaks volumes. She was elected by her peers to serve as the President of Republican Women of SWFL in 2015, a leadership role that she still currently holds. Diane also participates in the Florida Citizens Alliance, and the Collier County Republican Executive Committee- Precinct Committee Woman. Ensuring her faith-based community is well-represented, Diane also serves on the board of St. Vincent de Paul and is President of the St. Elizabeth Seton Conference. Although Diane commitment to her community keeps her extremely busy, she does enjoy playing tennis and golf with her husband Mike in her free time.

Madam Speaker, as a lifelong public servant, Diane has proven time and time again her unwavering commitment to the community and it is truly a privilege to know and work with her. With that being said, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 4374, BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR RURAL AMERICA ACT

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 4374, the Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 29, 2021.

Hon. DAVID SCOTT,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4374, the Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jon Sperl.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4374, BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR RURAL AMERICA ACT AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ON AUGUST 6, 2021

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2022	2022–2026	2022–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	157	9,005	33,461

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 4374 would establish or reauthorize programs administered by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to increase broadband connectivity in rural areas and would authorize the appropriation of specific annual amounts over the 2022–2029 period. Because specific amounts are already authorized for most of the programs, this cost estimate accounts for the difference between the amounts specified in the bill and those authorized under current law.

On net, H.R. 4374 would authorize the appropriation of about \$42.3 billion. Using historical spending patterns for similar activities and information provided by USDA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4374 would cost \$9.0 billion over the 2022–2026 period, \$33.5 billion over the 2022–2031 period and \$7.0 billion after 2031, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF H.R. 4374

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—											
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2022–2026	2022–2031
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION												
ReConnect Rural Broadband Program: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	4,150	4,150	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0	21,800	35,300
Estimated Outlays	125	540	1,173	2,245	3,211	3,962	4,164	4,261	4,137	3,690	7,292	27,505
Middle Mile Broadband Program: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	290	290	300	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	1,480	2,380
Estimated Outlays	9	38	82	155	223	275	292	294	285	255	506	1,906
Innovative Broadband Advancement Program: ^a												
Authorization	290	290	300	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	1,480	2,380
Estimated Outlays	15	52	111	199	268	282	290	294	279	240	644	2,029
Community Connect Grants: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	100	100	150	150	150	150	150	150	0	0	650	1,100
Estimated Outlays	3	18	50	85	120	136	146	147	143	120	276	967
Distance Learning and Telemedicine: ^a												
Estimated Authorization	0	68	150	150	150	150	150	150	0	0	518	968
Estimated Outlays	0	2	25	67	103	131	144	146	143	98	196	857
Broadband Connectors Program:												
Authorization	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	0	0	125	200
Estimated Outlays	6	14	21	25	25	25	25	25	19	11	91	196
Total Changes:												
Estimated Authorization	4,855	4,923	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425	5,425	0	0	26,053	42,328
Estimated Outlays	157	663	1,460	2,776	3,949	4,811	5,061	5,166	5,006	4,414	9,005	33,461

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

^aSpecific authorizations already exist for these programs through fiscal year 2023. This estimate shows only the incremental increases in authorizations that would be created by H.R. 4374. CBO thus estimates that the bill would increase authorizations in each year over the 2022–2023 period by the difference between the amount that would be authorized by H.R. 4374 and the amounts authorized under current law for each of those years.

H.R. 4374 would authorize the appropriation of the following amounts over the 2022–2029 period:

\$4.5 billion annually for grants and loans under the ReConnect Rural Broadband Program. Under current law, \$350 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$300 million annually for grants and loans to expand rural “middle mile” broadband infrastructure. Under current law, \$10 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$300 million annually for grants and loans under the Innovative Broadband Advancement Program. Under current law, \$10 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$150 million annually for grants under the Community Connect Program. Under current law, \$50 million is authorized to be appropriated annually for 2022 and 2023.

\$150 million annually for grants and loans under the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. The program received supplemental appropriations of \$531 million in 2021. Because CBO estimates budgetary effects under continuing resolutions on an annualized basis, in 2022 CBO assumes that the same amount will be available under the current continuing resolution (Public Law 117–43). Therefore, CBO estimates that H.R. 4374 would not increase net authorizations in that year relative to amounts already assumed in the baseline. Under current law, \$82 million is authorized to be appropriated for 2023. The annual incremental increase that year is \$68 million—the difference between the \$150 million annual authorization under the bill and the current-law authorization of \$82 million for that year.

\$25 million annually for USDA to provide technical assistance to rural communities under the Broadband Connectors Program.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jon Sperl. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

RECOGNIZING THE 24TH-ANNUAL WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and their continued dedication to the elimination of impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington metropolitan area.

WRAP is a public-private partnership that works with law enforcement, community stakeholders, and advocacy groups in Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Through educational and innovative public programs, WRAP is credited with keeping Washington area alcohol related death rates consistently below the national average. Programs and resources include Youth Outreach, Adult Outreach, and Public Education programs designed to educate students and the general public on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, particularly driving while under the influence. Through the WRAP Holiday SoberRide program, individuals who are impaired can request a free cab ride home. In 1982, the year that WRAP was founded, 26,173 people in the United States lost their lives in alcohol-related car accidents; 60 percent of all traffic fatalities involved drunk driving. Due to the tireless efforts of WRAP, other organizations such as MADD and SADD, local and state police, and enforcement of more stringent anti-drunk driving laws, alcohol-related traffic fatalities decreased to 9,878. But WRAP has worked tirelessly to ensure these statistics weren't repeated. WRAP also reached the “80,000-served” level of total ridership for WRAP's SoberRide program and nearly tripling SoberRide's annual ridership between 2016 and 2019.

Since 1997, WRAP has sponsored an annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony to honor local law enforcement professionals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the fight against drunk driving. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2021 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence recipients:

Corporal Steven Mather—The Town of Herndon Police Department.

Officer William J. Ward—Prince William County Police Department.

Officer Ryan Corrigan—United States Capitol Police.

Officer Alexander Rodriguez—Arlington County Police Department

Officer Sean Poveda—Arlington County Police Department.

PFC Bryce A. Cooper—City of Falls Church Police Department.

Deputy Tyler Giles—Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Wilber Alvarez—Prince George's County Police Department.

District Officer Margodane Vanriel—Metropolitan Police Department.

Trooper Carlos Alejo—Virginia Department of State Police.

Corporal Stephen Mann—Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Master Police Officer Steve Faett—Fairfax County Police Department.

Sergeant Patrick Keep—Montgomery County Maryland Department of Police.

PFC Zachary Davis—City of Fairfax Police Department.

Officer Jordan Hunneyman—Alexandria Police Department.

Trooper Logan Speak—Maryland State Police.

Officer Benjamin R. Tomasiello—United States Park Police.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and the 2021 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence recipients. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to their